(c) the number of persons who will get employment with the implementation of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) An agreement has been signed with the World Bank on 15.3.2002 for credit of SDR 110 million equivalent to US$ 140 million for "Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project". The project is likely to benefit about 2,50,000 farm families directly and stimulate additional demand for labour estimated at about 29,000 jobs per year.

Declaring Narmada Project as National Project

748. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to declare Narmada Project as National Project; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURSES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) As of now, there is no proposal to declare any irrigation multi-purpose project as a National Project.

Ground water level in Karnataka

749. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURSES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the alarmingly decreasing ground water levels in some districts of Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposal requesting to take necessary steps to stabilize the ground water levels in some districts of Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details of the projects and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURSES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No such proposal has been submitted by the Government of Karnataka to the Ministry of Water Resourses.